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Milestones ( 16 mile and 17 mile)

Reisterstown, Maryland

Public Access

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Milestone

17-Mile Stone (Baltimore & Reisterstown Turnpike Milestones)

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER # 16 East side Reisterstown Road opposite # 342 Main Street (337 Main St)

116 Hanover Rd

# 17 Southeast corner of Hanover and Butler Rds 6th

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☐ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☒ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC

☐ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS ~~N/A~~

☐ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED

☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

N/A

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

N/A

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

These identical mileposts, one mile apart, are of sandstone with heavily weathered faces. Arched at the top, their north and south sides retain traces of a straight line tooled texture, parallel to grade. The milepost at 337 Main Street retains traces of the letter B, undoubtedly once part of an indication of miles to Baltimore. Traces of whitewash indicate an early if not original finish to improve their visibility at night.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) <b>local history</b>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Conewago Road, Great Road to Baltimore Town, High Street, Main Street, The Reisterstown Turnpike --- without its continued presence over 220 years, Reisterstown would not have remained as viable and active a town as it has. Its fortunes, atmosphere and character were heavily dependent upon the traffic which daily passed up and down between Baltimore and Pennsylvania. The townspeople were involved in the trades and services which bore directly upon the traveler; blacksmiths, wheelwrights, saddlers, tanners and hotel keepers. Taverns were maintained for comfort along the route. Many of the tradesmen built houses which also contained their businesses right along the road. The great era of turnpike building in Maryland 1790-1840 was the time that Reisterstown also burgeoned.

The Turnpike went from Franklin Street in Baltimore, along the present Pennsylvania Avenue and Reisterstown Road to Pennsylvania ... "It was begun in 1806 and was finished in 1815 and the turnpike company had permission to collect tolls" (Hollifield op. cit p. 32). Milestones were placed along the road during this period. Today they can still be spotted, but most have been completely effaced. There are two remaining in the Reisterstown Historic District: the 16 mile stone across from 342 Main Street and the 17 mile stone at the southeast corner of Hanover and Butler Roads.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

William Hollifield, Difficulties Made Easy: History of the Turnpikes of Baltimore City & County, (Balto. Co. Historical Soc., 1978).

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY N/A

# 16 East side Reisterstown Road. Opposite # 342 Main Street

# 17 Southeast corner of Hanover and Butler Roads

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

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Historic Reisterstown, Inc

DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

430 Main Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Reisterstown, Md 21136

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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BA 1264  
Milestone at 116  
Hanover Rd  
Reist. Md

Robert Dasch  
8/78

EAST





BA 1333

16 mi. Milepost

on grounds #337 Main St.

Reist. Md

Carol Pollack

4.77

West